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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Chriss S. Yoder, III
Ritsuo KASHIYAMA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2612
Appln. No.: 09/541,614)	
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Filed: April 3, 2000)	
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For: FOCUS DETECTING APPARATUS)	February 9, 2006

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: